**Increase in the export of Jute to General currency and rupee payment areas**

*31. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that jute exports to the General Currency and Rupee payment areas are going up;

(b) if so, what are the details about the exports during last three years, including the current year; and

(c) what is the total production of jute goods and what percentage of it is meant for exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

The figures of exports of jute goods to General Currency and Rupee Payment Areas during the last 3 years are given below :—

Qty : lakh tonnes

Value : Rupees/crore

| Year | GCA (Qty) | RPA (Qty) | Total (Qty) | Total (Value) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1988-89 | 1.11 | 1.13 | 2.24 | 239.07 |
| 1989-90 | 0.97 | 1.40 | 2.37 | 296.40 |
| 1990-91 | 0.90 | 1.36 | 2.26 | 298.84 |
| 1991-92 (April-June) | 0.28 | 0.10 | 0.38 | 54.86 |

The figures of production of Jute Goods and percentage of exports to production during the last 3 years are given below :—

| Year | Production (in lakh tonnes) | % of Exports to Production |
|---|---|---|
| 1988-89 | 13.89 | 16 |
| 1989-90 | 13.04 | 18 |
| 1990-91 | 14.30 | 16 |
| 19991-92 (April-June) | 3.15 | 12 |

**Cases of Cholera and Gastroenteritis in Delhi**

*32. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of increase in the number of cases of cholera and gastroenteritis in Delhi during the current year;

(b) whether there were large number of deaths in 1988 due to epidemic of cholera; and

(c) if so, what precautions are being taken by Government to prevent these diseases and what action is proposed to be taken against the erring officers, if found any?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

(a) There is only a marginal increase in the cholera cases during the current year upto end of July i.e. 383 cases in comparison to corresponding figure of last year i.e. 314 cases.

As regards gastro-enteritis, there is a slight decrease in the number of cases this year upto end of July i.e. 25781 cases as compared to 28601 cases in the corresponding period of last year.

(b) During 1988 there were 8 reported cases of deaths due to cholera.

(c) The Delhi Administration, Delhi are taking all necessary preventive actions in the matter like surveilliance and monitoring, ensuring supply of safe drinking water, distribution of chlorine tablets, supply of Oral Rehydration Salt, regular cleaning of drains and septic tanks, removal of garbage etc. They have also banned sale of cut fruits and other unhygenic foods and have taken steps to educate people regarding adoption of hygenic practices and taking necessary precautions.

**Interest on External Borrowings**

*33. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1201 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1991 and state;

(a) what is the average interest rates charged by international financial institutions and NRIs on the borrowings made from them;

(b) what is the projected quantum of external borrowings required during the Eighth Plan Period; and

(c) what are the interest and repayment liabilities during the coming three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

(a) The average (weighted) interest rate on the debt outstanding, denominated in different currencies, from the International Financial Institutions, excluding the International Development Association which takes service charges only, works out at 7.4 per cent. The NRI deposits are received under Foreign Currency Non Resident Accounts (FCNRA) Scheme. and Non Resident (External) Rupee Accounts (NR(E)RA) Scheme. The FCNR deposits attract interest rates depending on currency, maturity and market conditions. These rates for FCNR deposits effective from February 8,1991 range between 7.50 to 13.25 per cent per annum depending upon the currency of denomination and maturity period. For the NR(E)RA deposits the rates effective from April 13, 1991 range between 8.5 to 14 per cent depending upon the maturity period of the deposit.

(b) The Eighth Plan scheduled to commence from 1st April 1992 has not been finalise, and it is not possible at this stage to indicate the projected quantum of external borrowings required during the Eighth Plan.

(c) The repayment of principal and payment of interest on outstanding external borrowings from countries/institutions referred to in the unstarred Question is esti-